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BIRTH.—  
On the 22nd May, 1900, at Madrid, the wife of HILARIO G. DEL CASTILLO, ex Spanish Consul at Nagasaki, of a daughter. Japan papers please copy. [1689]

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, May 26th, 1900.

WHEN the first settlement was made here in 1841, Hongkong was as destitute of trees as was St. Helena when discovered by JUAN DE NOVA, a Galician adventurer in the service of Portugal, on the 21st May, 1502, as he slowly fought his way back from the East Indies. At this distance of time, it is difficult to form an adequate idea of the almost absolute treelessness of our island home as it was in the early forties. A glance at the mainland opposite, say from Sha-tin pass, eastwards towards the Lyceum, conveys, in all probability, an impression as can now be got—coarse grass on the slopes, and, in the boulder-littered nullahs, a few hardy shrubs of invariably stunted growth. With the exception of one or two of the more remote valleys, the place was utterly bare of trees. Contrasting this monotonous picture with that presented by the numerous thriving plantations springing up on all sides—thanks to the indefatigable activity of Mr. CHARLES FORD, the energetic Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department—we realise how radically all this has been altered. The hills in the near neighbourhood of Victoria, to the height of from 800 to 1,000 feet, have been clothed with a gariture of trees, mainly pines—*Pinus Sylvestris*, *P. Masoniana*, and *P. Thunbergii*; while those further away are being similarly covered. It is within the last twenty-five years, roughly speaking, that this highly important and wholly necessary work of afforestation has been carried out; and the beneficial results accruing thereto are but now slowly becoming apparent. Hygienic and artistic reasons apart, there are many advantages in an abundance of arboreal vegetation.

Owing to the increased shelter afforded, bird and animal life have noticeably increased. Wild deer are seen much more frequently than of old; indeed, at certain seasons of the year, their "belling," softened by distance, can clearly be heard, almost every night, in any of the more secluded valleys. The *red-pit*, or white-eyed thrush, by far the sweetest-throated songster in our midst, is fully as plentiful as is the common thrush, *Turdus muscicapae*, in England; and certainly much less shy. It is this absence of fear in the ornithological life of the place that is such a pleasantly recurring feature to a new-comer. The magpie, one of the most rigorously banned of field outlaws in the Homeland, and consequently so difficult of approach, is here well nigh domestic in its tamelessness, and may regularly be seen and discordantly heard about the roof-tops in the very heart of the city. The bronze pigeon is another bird that seems to have lost its wildness; and this is the more remarkable when we recall the pronounced aloofness of the various doves and wild-pigeons still to be encountered in the British Isles. The above remarks occur to us as we cursorily glance through Mr. Ford's official report for last year. It is, however, to one point, above others, in this always interesting document, that we would draw closer attention. Under the head of "Protective Service" illicit tree-cutting is briefly alluded to; and, although the practice, statistically at least, seems to be on the decrease, much might be done still further to lessen this abominable evil. Grass-cutters, goat-herds, herb-gatherers and grasshopper-catchers are the principal delinquents under this head. Their callings, essentially appertaining to the open air, take them out on the less frequented parts of the island more or less every day in the year. They are quite alive to the fact that they must not be seen in possession of green fuel, so they habitually snap off not merely the tops of young trees, but the lesser branches of bigger ones, and leave them hanging to the parent stem till dry, when they twist them off, break them up into smaller pieces, tie them into convenient bundles, and dangling them from the end of a bamboo, innocently saunter back to town at the end of the day. If accosted by an unusually wary Sikh constable or lukong, they pertly and pertinaciously point to the fact that the fuel is dry, and are allowed to pass. A haphazard tramp across the hills, at any time, will give ample evidence of the truth of what we have above deliberately stated. Coolies burdened with coals or building materials, after a trip to the Peak districts, generally manage to return with sufficient fuel for that night at least, plundered from the roadside. The manner in which the trees, in most cases specially planted for grateful shade on the fringes of the Peak roads, have been scandalously mutilated, eloquently testifies to this unchartered robbery. Private gardeners are also responsible for almost incalculable damage. Such individuals are despatched by their employers in search of hill-side flowers, for the more effective decoration of the dinner-table. They come back with an unobtrusive basket, perhaps with two, full of moss and small branches of flowering plants. Had the latter been legitimately plucked, no serious objection could or would be made. But the man, naturally, wants to get through his duties with as little trouble to himself as is possible. He comes to a tree in blossom. Unluckily, the finest sprays are well out of his reach. He does not attempt to get at them by climbing, but, after a moment's consideration, unhesitatingly and wickedly tears down great limbs, in order that he may obtain the two or three clusters that have attracted his eye: these placed in his basket, the other parts are left to wither into fruitless—for, owing to West India piracy, this is such an expensive commodity in the market nowadays. Coolies at work in gangs, on the roads in the hill districts, are notorious depredators, ranking among the most hardened sinners in this respect. They will, with all the air of absolute proprietorship, calmly cut down a straight-grown young tree, lay open the twigs and smaller branches in the most business-like manner, and trim it as a carrying-pole. Their supposed overseers are at hand, but pay no heed to spoliation of this grossly heinous nature, unless a European sergeant unexpectedly swings into sight; when the language used is at once voluble, vociferous and expressive. Rhododendrons of various kinds, with their wonderful patches of brilliant blooms blazing and flaunting, the waxen petals of the celebrated Chinese New-Year flower, *Tiu-chung-fu* or Hanging Bell flower, and many other beautiful blossoming shrubs and trees are certainly much rarer than they were wont to be. Their gradual disappearance can only be ascribed to the causes above detailed; while their total extinction locally, unless these practices are immediately checked, is but a matter of limited time. The only remedy, as far as we can see, would be the issuing, either by the Police or by the Government Authorities, of licences to grass-cutters, of grazing permits to goat-herds, both of

course, at a nominal fee, and, say, quarterly or half-yearly—and the severer punishment of all offenders convicted of gathering fuel of any description, green or dry, without the necessary sanction. The licences or permits should be issued for definitely prescribed areas, and should be at once confiscated, if their owners are found trespassing or are guilty of doing wanton damage to trees or flowering shrubs. The indiscriminate digging of soil from Crown land, for general garden purposes, is admirably yet very simply regulated by the Director of Public Works. This far more serious matter of tree-maiming and plant destruction ought also, in like manner, to be under efficient and thorough control. What we have said becomes of enhanced importance, carries heavier weight, when applied to the much more extensive areas included in the New Territory.

The delivery of the English Mail was begun at 11.30 a.m. yesterday.

On Thursday, some visitors to Canton witnessed the beheading of no less than fifteen pirates on the execution ground. At this rate, piracy should become a less popular profession in the neighbourhood, although it must be confessed that indications of this are few.

The Hongkong branch of the Navy League has remitted home the sum of £49 sterling in aid of those on service in South Africa and their families, being the equivalent of \$500 dollars collected from Members and Associates of the local branch of the League.

Mr. Hallifax has given his decision in the case of a boatman charged with being in illegal possession of thirteen bags of sugar, the defendant being fined £100. An impudent attempt was made by the defendant to trick the police in this case, but Inspector Baker was too sharp for him.

We are requested to draw attention to the fact that the Address of Welcome to Captain officers and men of H.M.S. *Terrible* islying for signature by those who wish to sign, at the Hongkong Club, the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and the offices of Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.

The following notification appears in the Gazette:—The Hongkong Regiment—Subadar Sardar Khan to be Subadar Major, vice Firoz Khan, retired; Jemadar Jan Muhammad to be Subadar, vice Sardar Khan; Pay Havildar Fattah Muhammad to be Jemadar, vice Jan Muhammad.

The P. & O. steamer *Cormandel*, which arrived from Shanghai yesterday morning, was put into quarantine for 24 hours in consequence of two European members of the crew having been attacked by plague. It would seem from this that the disease was contracted somehow in the northern port, though Shanghai has so far been fortunate in escaping the disease. Her departure, therefore, has been postponed until 6 p.m. to-day.

The London and *China Express* says:—A correspondent learns from an excellent source that there is a proposal before the Admiralty to construct or to have constructed at Hongkong three or four shallow-draught gunboats for the patrolling of the upper reaches of the leading Chinese rivers. As to the necessity for more vessels of this kind there appears no doubt; while it is thought that, if they were built at Hongkong, the utility of that place as a good naval base might be proved, and an economy effected.

The Band of the Hongkong Regiment will play at the Hongkong Hotel this evening from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. The following is the programme:—

March ..... "Under the Double Eagle" Wagner  
Gavotte ..... "Light Cavalry" Suppe  
Selection ..... "Reminiscences of Scotland" Godfrey  
Valse ..... "Sobre las Olas" Rosas  
Fantasia ..... "Catalan Airs" ..... Barwood  
Polka ..... "Izetta" ..... Grant  
"God save the Queen."

Several drowning accidents have been reported to the police recently. The other day the s.s. *Kwei Lum* dropped her propeller between Cheung Chau and Tantau, and a couple of divers were engaged to set things right. One of them went down to make fast to a rock, and came up again all right. On going down a second time, however, he kept down, and the body has not yet been recovered. On Sunday the bodies of two men who were in a junk which was capsized last week at Aberdeen were recovered and sent to the Mortuary. Two servants employed by Mr. Hughes, of Shatin, surveyor, have been drowned at Shatin. They were bathing when one of them got out of his depth. The other went to his assistance with the result that they both lost their lives.

The canonisation of the founder of the Society of Christian Brothers—John Baptiste de la Salle—was celebrated at St. Joseph's College on Thursday evening by the holding of a fete in the grounds, which had been beautifully decorated with lanterns artistically arranged by the boy brothers, the British, American, and Spanish flags also figuring prominently, together with an illuminated picture of the founder. The chapel had also been charmingly adorned. A band stand which had been erected was occupied by the band from the U.S. flag-ship *Baltimore*. A varied selection of music was admirably rendered, several of the items being heartily encored, notably "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Oh! Listen to the band". Refreshments were provided, and altogether an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent.

The *Europa*, cruiser, Captain A. J. Horsley, arrived at Suez on 10th ult., and left the next day.

In the 48 hours preceding noon of the 25th instant there occurred twelve cases of plague and five deaths.

The *Victorious*, battleship, Captain A. Schomberg, arrived at Aden on 24th ult. and left the same day for Suez.

The Viceroy Chang Chih-tung has sent his son to Japan to conduct some investigations. The young man arrived at Kobe on the 14th instant.

The *Goliath*, battleship, was inspected on 24th ult. by Admiral Sir Nathaniel Bowden-Smith. She left Sheerness on the 27th to complete her steam-trials before proceeding to China.

The railway trouble reported recently on the Lu-Han line is now said to be settled. The Viceroy sent down a couple of hundred soldiers to restore order, and all the foreigners have gone back.

On Tuesday next the *Hamburg*, the new boat of the Hamburg-American line, will be open to inspection by the public at Kowloon Pier between 4 and 6 p.m.

Shanghai papers report that three German warships were anchored at Woosung till the 29th inst., and that it is said that others will also shortly arrive there and will afterwards have a cruise up the Yangtze.

The first sod of the Jesselton-Bentfort Railway, British North Borneo, was cut by Mr. H. S. Haynes, the District Officer of Province Kepala, at Jesselton on the 5th inst. The gauge of the line will be one metre, and most of the bridges will be made of iron.

The German Colonial Estimates for 1900 show that the sources of revenue in Kiao-chow are only estimated to produce about £10,500, and the remainder, nearly £100,000, required for the administration and development of the colony will have to be supplied from the Imperial Treasury.

Among other old residents who have left the colony were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith, who sailed by *Japan* on Thursday. Mr. Smith does not intend to retire altogether from business, but will conduct the affairs of the *Daily Press*, *Chin-kuo San Po*, and *Circassie and Directory* from an office in the City, London.

In our leading article on Thursday we mentioned Mr. Little's statement about the greater ease of navigation on the Yangtze above Chungking than below. The *Woolcock* has experienced this, for it appears that on the 17th inst. the people of Sui-fu, a city of Szechuan more than 200 miles above Chungking, were surprised by the sight of a British gunboat in the river. Lieutenant Commander Watson having succeeded in penetrating to this point. The suggestion which has been made that a gunboat should be kept on the Upper Yangtze permanently is an excellent one, and we hope to see it adopted.

Mr. Kwon, whose arrest on landing at Chongmou has just been announced, says the *Japan Daily Mail*, was Chief of Police in Sooli at the time of the *coup d'état*—November 2nd, 1886—when the Prime Minister Kim was murdered, and the King took refuge in the Russian Legation. Kwon escaped to Japan, and has remained in hiding ever since. It is not clear what he is supposed to have committed. Public opinion inclines rather to the belief that he was slain against. At all events he appears to have grown weary of exile and in spite of the urgent remonstrances and warnings of his friends he repaired to Corea and gave himself up. It may be presumed that Mr. Kwon had received some guarantees of safety.

The Boxers again! According to the *N. C. Daily News*, they intend to organise their Society in Kiangsu also, for nearly a dozen of them arrived at Shanghai from the North *en route* for cities inland. Several persons have witnessed some of the trials used by the Boxers to entice people to join them, such as guaranteeing invulnerability to bullet and sword, etc. For instance, a Boxer loaded a revolver before his audience and after musing over an intention fired all six shots into his bare chest. The latter showed no sign even of a scratch after this bombardment, and effect was prodigious. On the 19th inst., our Shanghai contemporary published the following intelligence:—"The Boxers in Chihli have again been violently attacking the Christians between Peking and Pao-ting. It is reported that some sixty Christian converts have been killed, some of them being burnt alive."

The Nanking correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* on the 15th inst. wrote:—Two gunboats, a Japanese and German, have been for some time stopping at Nanking. The Germans seem to have been asked to pass on. They have daily drilled on the drill-ground for Chinese soldiers, and after this they have in some ways made things unpleasant to the natives, say. They were planning an attack on the mountains just outside of the city wall and intended to invite all the foreign residents in the city. The Viceroy, on hearing of this, sent them word through the Foreign Office that this could not be permitted and asked them to move on. The Captain replied that he had certain important matters to attend to both Viscount Liang and Chang, and was not prepared to move again. A report was sent to him, asking him to lay the matter before Viceroy Chang at Wu-chang. The negotiations are not yet finished.

The death is announced on the 16th inst., at Seremban, of Mr. H. W. Bathurst, Collector of Land Revenue, Negri Sembilan.

The Penang tramways, with the sanction of the Court, have been sold, provisionally. It is reported to Messrs. J. G. Allan and R. Young.

It is understood that the directors of the Penang Hills Railway will proceed as soon as possible with the construction of the railway.

The annual report on the health and sanitary condition of the Army notes that in China there was a marked decline in malarial fever. Plague, which was epidemic among the civil population, only caused eight admissions, and one death among the troops.

## TELEGRAMS.

### "DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

LONDON, 23rd May, 8.35 p.m.

### THE ADVANCE IN THE FREE STATE.

STATES.

After a series of engagements Col. Ian Hamilton reached Heilbronn. General Brandwood has captured fifteen wagons. Lord Roberts has advanced to Honingen-spruit.

### SNYMAN NEARLY CAUGHT AT MAFFEKING.

Major-General Baden-Powell reports that the relivers and defenders of Mafeking combined shelled out a Boer laager on the 17th instant. They nearly captured Commandant Snymann and took a gun and a large quantity of ammunition and stores.

LONDON, 24th May, 8.20 p.m.

### BOERS EVACUATE A STRONG POSITION.

Lord Roberts reports that the enemy have evacuated a strong position on the Rhenoster River.

### RUSSIA'S PLEDGE RE COREA—THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE.

Mr. Brodrick, replying in the House of Commons to a question by Sir Ellis Ashmead-Barrett, said that the Russian pledge in 1886 re Corea was not given to Britain and that there was therefore no question of Britain releasing Russia from the pledge.

### REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 22nd May.

### THE COMMONWEALTH BILL.

The Commonwealth Bill has passed its second reading in the House of Commons.

### THE UNITED STATES AND THE BOERS DELEGATES.

Mr. Hay (Secretary of State) has informed the Boer delegates that President McKinley adheres to the policy of neutrality.

### THE WAR—NATAL.

General Buller reports from Newcastle 22nd inst. that a squadron of Bedouin's mounted infantry was ambushed yesterday while on the march to Newcastle. Very few escaped. Casualties amounted to about 60. Lieutenant Lansdowne and Captain Callendar were missing and Earl Delawarr is wounded. General Buller had detached Col. Bothwell with 500 men to advance on Ngutu, which was reported to have been evacuated.

### THE NEW CHINESE CUSTOMS TARIFF.

Mr. Brodrick states that negotiations for the revision of the Chinese tariff will be conducted at Peking.

### BIRTHDAY HONOURS.

## HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

Yesterday afternoon a meeting of the Hongkong Sanitary Board was held. The President (the Hon. R. D. Ormsby, Director of Public Works) occupied the chair, and there were also present the Vice-President (Dr. Lowson Acting Principal Civil Medical Officer), Lieut. Col. Ryan, Mr. J. McKie, Hartigan, Mr. E. Osborne, Dr. F. Clark (Medical Officer of Health), Mr. F. C. Chan, Mr. Chan A. Health), and Mr. G. A. Woodcock (Secretary).

## CLARK'S REPLY TO DR. HARSTON.

A letter was submitted from Dr. Harston relative to lime-washing. The letter has already appeared in our columns. The following from Dr. Clark was read:

I think that much of the Board's time might be saved if I discuss Dr. Harston's letter in a minute now instead of awaiting our next meeting.

In the first place it behoves the Board to consider that the said letter enunciates a theory merely, and that any such theory must be examined by the light of facts and not accepted as a working hypothesis until the facts have clearly demonstrated its authenticity.

To consider, therefore, the promises upon which this theory is based by its advocates we find in the first instance that two cases of plague are cited, both occurring 12 months ago, although there have been some 180 cases to date.

In one of these the discovery of a couple of rats dead of plague is admitted to have been the existing cause of the disease. Where then is the connection between the lime-washing and the disease? Are we to assume that dead rats are only discovered upon domestic premises as the result of the bi-monthly cleansing and lime-washing? Granting this, this is dispensed with, during epidemics, are such dead rats to be allowed to remain upon the premises to pollute the air with the恶臭 of decomposition lest their removal may excite an attack of plague in a person who handles them carelessly? Surely this case does not greatly strengthen the theory?

The other case may perhaps have been of a similar nature, but the facts given are so bare that it seems to me impossible to make any deduction from them.

However, the main point upon which this theory seems to rest is that the cleansing and lime-washing of the Wan-chai Health District took place during January and February of this year, and that immediately following that we had an outbreak of plague in that district.

In the first place let me point out that the cleansing and lime-washing of that district took place in precisely the same months last year, and yet only 13 cases of plague occurred in that district during the months of January-April, 1899, out of a total of 129 cases, while no less than 63 of these cases occurred in No. 9 Health District, where the lime-washing is not done until May and June.

So much for generalities, but I have looked much more closely into this matter, and I attach hereto a list of all the cases of plague which have occurred to date in the Wan-chai district, and in the same table will be found the dates of the cleansing and lime-washing of those houses. These dates are the ones on which notice of intention to do the work was given by the contractors, and the great majority were done within three to four days of these dates, but even if we allow ten days as the extreme limit, and another ten days for the incubation of the disease, we have an interval of (say) three weeks as the maximum interval between the work of cleaning and the occurrence of cases of plague.

An examination of the table will show that out of the 90 cases detailed therein there was an interval only in one case. In all the others, the cases of plague either occurred before the lime-washing or at such a long interval afterwards that no medical man would contend that the cleansing bore any actual relationship to the outbreak of the disease.

In the face of these facts I fail to see how such a theory can be maintained."

Replying to an enquiry of the Secretary, Dr. Harston wrote as follows:

"The case of plague occurring during lime-washing which first entered my mind when writing my letter of May 4th are two in number, the more striking of the two being the case of Onko Nakamura, landlady of No. 11, Gloucester Street. In this case the patient, while moving various articles of furniture preparatory to lime-washing, having with a view to discovering the cause of a bad smell, came across two boxes under which she discovered two dead rats. Three days after the woman exhibited symptoms of plague; the initial bulbo being in the left femoral region, which strongly predisposes to the fact that inoculation occurred somewhere on the left foot or leg. The woman subsequently died of the disease. The date of my visit was June 21st, 1899. The other case I had in mind was that of Maria Lee, whom I visited on May 31st, 1899, at the St. Francis Home, Wan-chai. It has since come to my knowledge that quite recently the houses in Holy Infant Lane were lime-washed. I am given to understand that there were no cases of plague previous to lime-washing. Since then I learn there have been several in this lane. Whether in the benefit of lime-washing during an epidemic of plague, I enclose a notification of plague which occurred to-day in the same lane."

The Vice-President thought the lime-washing they carried on during regular periods of the year was meant entirely as a cleansing process. He did not say that their present methods of disinfection were perfect or anything near it, because it was very difficult to get efficient supervision. Possibly, then, disinfecting arrangements might be improved, but he thought the whole of this correspondence had arisen from a mistaken idea of the value of which was carried out. He thought the best thing was to thank Dr. Harston for bringing this matter before them, but after thinking over the matter he did not see how they were going to improve matters unless by getting a few more men to look after the individual disinfection of infected houses. But if they were going to have to stop lime-washing simply because they could not afford to pay for the disinfection by antiseptics it would be a case of God help the colonists.

Ormsby thought thematter would be best dealt with by asking Dr. Harston to come to their next meeting and have this misunderstanding cleared up, because from what he understood in conversation with Dr. Harston he did not object to the lime-washing in any shape, except that in times of plague the cleansing process disturbed the dust, and that colic who walked about the room bare-footed were apt to become inoculated by plague.

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Government to declare Tainan infected with plague.

A GOOD SAMPLE.  
An analysis of a sample of milk taken from the Wo Hop Dairy was submitted, Mr. T. J. Wild, Acting Government Analyst, observing that he was of opinion this was a sample of genuine milk.

THE LIMEWASHING QUESTION.  
In his forthcoming lime-washing report, Mr. J. H. Denby (Chief Inspector) said:—

Western district period is now current, and to date only a very small proportion of the houses have been notified that it is the intention of the owner to cleanse (some 100 cases). This has in a measure been fortunate in that it has allowed the Inspector time for the prosecution of Central District defaulting owners. There are still a large number of summonses to be heard during the next few days probably about 200. In addition to the above prosecutions there have been to date in connection with Kowloon property 58 prosecutions resulting in fines to the amount of \$360 being inflicted. It is hoped that when the Western District ends, there will be only about a very small proportion of prosecutions required.

THE SANITY OF THE COLONY.  
The death rate for the week ended May 23rd, against 26.3 for the previous week and 30.4 for the corresponding week last year. The rate for the following week was 31.7, against 33.5 for the corresponding week last year.

THE PLAGUE AT MACAO.  
The deaths in Macao for the week ended May 26th numbered 79 (including 37 from plague), the number for the preceding week being 86 (including 43 from plague). This was all the business.

## THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

NEWS VIA CEYLON.  
CAPTURE OF WINBURG AND SMALDEEL.

London, May 7th.  
Both Winburg and Smaldeel have been captured. The Boers flying northward before the British forces, hotly pursued by the Cavalry and Mounted Infantry.

LODGE ROBERTS' WIRE FOR MORE TROOPS.

THE WAR OFFICE ANNOYED.

London, May 10th.

The latest information received here is to the effect that Lord Roberts has just wired for more Infantry. More battalions are being despatched forthwith, and, although the War Office is amazed at the insatiable demands made upon them, it has been resolved not to give ground for complaint, and transports are being rapidly arranged for, as well as small drafts and reinforcements, the small drafts including 200 Grenadiers.

Rebouts continue to arrive largely from Canada, the United States, the Argentine Republic and Australia. 6,500 men and 3,500 horses are due at Table Bay this month.

HOSPITALS UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

The War Office desires that hostilities are unlikely to conclude until September at the very earliest. The prospects for the pacification and enforcement of the necessary precautions in the Transvaal are far more difficult than in the Free State.

GENERAL BULLER PREPARING TO MOVE IN NATAL.

It is reported from Cape Town that a skirmish of pieces has taken place at Blandfontein. General Buller has completed his transport, and is preparing to move.

The Boers have abandoned Ficksburg and Ladysmith.

THE ENGAGEMENT AT THE VET RIVER.

General Pole-Carew reached the Vet River on Saturday, after a march of 10 miles, when he found the enemy under Lucas Meyer holding the river. The 8th and 88th Batteries unmasked the Boer guns, and shelling took place across the river all day.

The 88th Battery proceeded to the right of the enemy's position to engage the new guns which opened on their flank, covering the excellent work of Macdonald's Brigade. The 88th Battery were reinforced by a couple of 4.7 inch and 12-pounder Naval guns and 5-inch siege guns.

General Hutton engaged the left and 29th March to 17th April. Night fell with the position apparently half captured, but the whole of the enemy fled during the night. Meanwhile General Hutton had discovered a minefield placed along the railway near Smaldeel. He captured 40 Maxims and 12 prisoners at Smaldeel. The mines were strictly searched, and they were described as miniature arsenals.

Brandoire accounts prove the capture to have been the result of an unusually combined movement. The Foreign Legion was almost smashed, and the townsmen declare that the Irish American Brigade is unmanageable.

Engineers are rapidly repairing all serious damages, and one bridge with culverts was replaced in thirty hours.

COLONEL MAURICE'S ILLUSTRATED PLAN OF ATTACK.

The prisoners who were captured at Boshof some time ago surrendered a copy of Colonel Maurice's illustrated plan of attack, the main features whereof was a double flank attack at dawn with all horsemen, after which a French echelon charge was to be made with a French Legion charge to be made with bayonets.

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MARSHAL MACKENZIE'S EXPLAINED STOMACHS AND PINCHED FACES.

News from Mafeking up to the 29th ultimo has just been received. Fever is abating, and the Commissariat have commenced issuing sausages made from horseflesh, reserving certain food-stuffs for extremities. The quality of the rations is very poor, and everybody has an empty stomach and a pinched face.

Lieutenant Stewart, of the Staff Corps, who was missing at Sannas Post, is now a prisoner at Pretoria.

GENERAL HILDYARD HAS HIS SON AS A.D.C.

Lucknow, May 10th.

Captain H. C. Hildyard, Royal Horse Artillery, stationed here, has been appointed A. D. C. to his father, General Hildyard, South Africa. He was ordered to the war three months

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## NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 26th May, 1900. [1586]

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HOWBRAY S. NORTHCOATE,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1900. [93]

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Hongkong, 26th May, 1900. [1585]

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That the Regulations contained in Table A in so far as they apply to this Company be altered as follows:

Clause 37 of Table A—"The quorum for all the purposes of a General Meeting shall not be less than five members present in person or by proxy. No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless the quorum requisite be present at the commencement of the business."

By Order,

EDWARD OSBORNE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1900. [1589]

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EDWARD OSBORNE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1900. [1587]

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SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI &c.	NIPPON MARU	Jap. str.		T. Okada	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 31st inst. at Noon.
SAN DIEGO &c. via KOBE &c.	BELGIAN KING	Brit. str.		J. Thom	GIBR, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On or about 20th June.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	ALBILIS	Brit. str.		M. Nelson	MELCHERS & CO.	On 31st inst. at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA via NAGASAKI & KOBE	ROSETTA	Brit. str.		H. Preller	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at Noon.
YOKOHAMA via NAGASAKI & KOBE	FUMIO MARU	Jap. str.		S. Borchard	MELCHERS & CO.	To-morrow, at Daylight.
NAGASAKI & SHIMONOSEKI	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.		I. Sato	P. & O. S. N. CO.	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIUCHI & YOKOHAMA	OLDENBERG	Ger. str.		D. M. Bussan	MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA	On 30th inst. at Daylight.
SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO	WINGA MARU	Brit. str.		T. Ogata	MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA	On 30th inst. at Daylight.
SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO	TALES	Brit. str.		D. M. Bussan	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	To-morrow, at Daylight.
AMOY & TAMSUI	MAIDSZU MARU	Jap. str.		D. M. Bussan	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	To-morrow, at Daylight.
MANILA	HAIMUN	Brit. str.		R. W. Almond	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 29th June, at 10 A.M.
MANILA	KAIFONG	Brit. str.		Quail	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 30th June, at 5 P.M.
SAMARANG & SOURABAYA	MINNIKUR	Brit. str.		J. G. Spence	DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.	On 1st Jan.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	SHANTUNG	Brit. str.		Peyne	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-day, at Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	LIGHTNING	Brit. str.				On 2nd June, at Noon.
	KIMSANO	Brit. str.				

## SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.  
May 24. COROMANDEL, British steamer, 2,781, F. W. Vibert, E.N.R., Shanghai 22nd May, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

May 25. ROSSALL, British str., 1,751, C. Glazebold, Ofuru (Japan), 14th May, Coals—OEDER.

May 25. CHONGSAK, British str., 1,104, Bowker, Winter 19th May, Rice—JARDINE, MACLEOD & CO.

May 25. THALER, British str., 820, W. P. Bradore, Suez 23rd May, General—DOUGLAS LAFLAK & CO.

May 25. HUMAN, British str., 1,158, W. Frasier, Chinkiang 21st May, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

May 24. ULYSES, British str., 2,282, R. J. Brown, Liverpool 5th April, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

May 24. WHAMPOA, British str., 1,109, P. Garriock, Java 15th May, Sugar—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

May 24. MAUSANG, British str., 1,634, Kyodo, Sandakan 18th May, Lumber—JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.

May 24. TAHSAN, British str., 977, Kont. Wuhi 20th May, Rice—JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.

May 25. ZAIRE, Portuguese gunboat, 600, Commander Fontes, Macao 23rd May.

May 25. CLYDE, British str., 2,198, E. Street, London 27th April and Singapore 20th May, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

May 25. HAINUN, British str., 636, Davis Swatow 24th May, General—DOUGLAS LAPAK & CO.

May 25. HANGHOU, British str., 999, Pearce, Canton 25th May, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

May 25. AVK, British str., 1,355, W. H. Gibson, Kuching 26th May, Coal—MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.

May 25. SULTAN VAN LANGAT, British str., 1,436, Blomberg, Pulo Sambu 19th May, Oil—MAYER & CO.

## CLEARANCES.

At the HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.  
25th MAY.

Monicous, British str., for Singapore.  
Kenya Maru, Japanese str., for Manila.

Takung, British str., for Canton.

Apeuride, German str., for Haiphong.

Ulysses, British str., for Port Arthur.

## DEPARTURES.

May 24. MARIE JESSEN, German str., for Amoy.

May 24. HUTTON, British str., for Java.

May 24. CHINA, German str., for Singapore.

May 24. HOHOA, French str., for Hoochow.

May 24. JASOB, British str., for Amoy.

May 24. YURO MARU, Jap. str., for Chefoo.

May 24. TECIMA, German str., for Canton.

May 24. FORMOSA, British str., for Swatow.

May 24. JAPAN, British str., for Haiphong.

May 24. KAMAKURA MARU, Japanese str., for Yokohama.

May 25. ROYALIST, British str., for Kobe.

May 25. HANGHOU, British str., for Shanghai.

May 25. YUENSHAO, British str., for Manila.

May 25. KUNG FENG, British str., for Swatow.

May 25. STEATHOUSE, British str., for S. Francisco.

May 25. LILYKE MARU, Jap. str., for Bombay.

May 25. HAIKUAN, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

May 25. HAIKUAN, British str., for Swatow.

May 25. EMERALD, British str., for Manila.

May 25. CHOWDAN, British str., for Canton.

May 25. HUAN, British str., for Canton.

May 25. DAPHNE, British str., for Canton.

## VESSELS IN DOCK.

ASBESTINE DOCKS—Tatyuan, U.S.S. Monitor, U.S.S. Brooklyn, W. H. Smith, Hutton, COSMOPOLITAN DOCK—Independent, Deva-works.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Amoy*, from Kuchington 20th May, had fresh S.W. wind throughout.

The British steamer *Whampoa*, from Java 15th May, had moderate to fresh S.E. wind from Pernam to port.

The British steamer *Takung*, from Wuhs 20th May, had moderate southerly wind, cloudy and overcast weather.

The British steamer *Ulysses*, from Liverpool 20th May and Singapore 10th May, had light S.W. monsoon and fine clear weather.

The British steamer *Hanna*, from Chinkiang 21st May, had fine moderate weather with S.W. winds throughout. May 22nd, passed *Fano*, off Turnabout, at 6 a.m.

The British steamer *Roswell*, from Ofuru 14th May, had strong S.W. gales from 15th to 17th; 18th, strong S.E. gales; 19th to port fine weather.

The British steamer *Turtle*, from Taiwanfo, Amoy and Swatow 23rd May, had light S.W. winds, cloudy weather, occasional fog to Amoy.

From Amoy to Swatow light S.W. winds and fine weather to Brothas; thence to port foggy.

From Swatow to port light S.W. winds and fine clear weather. Steamer in Taiwanfo—*Aiping* Maru. In Amoy—Wenchow, Dagmar, Mikawa Maru and H.M.S. Orlando. In Swatow—Chow-tai, Keung, Hainan, Kwaiyung, Weihs and Foo-chow.

## VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

## "LIGHTNING."

Captain J. G. Spence will be despatched to the above ports TO-DAY, the 26th inst., at NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.

Agent, Hongkong, 22nd May, 1900.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR NAGASAKI AND SHIMONOSEKI

THE Company's Steamship

## "TAIYUAN."

Captain Nelson will be despatched to TOMORROW, the 27th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Agents, Hongkong, 23rd May, 1900.

STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO RECEIVE PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

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## VESSELS ON THE BERTH

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL  
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.  
STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT,  
MEDITERRANEAN PORTS,  
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.  
THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR  
BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL  
AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"COROMANDEL."

Captain F. W. Vibert, M.R.N., carrying Her  
Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this  
for Bombay on SATURDAY, the 26th inst.,  
at NOON, taking passengers and cargo for  
the above ports.

SHIP AND VESSELS, all cargo for France, and  
Tea for London (under arrangement) will be  
transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding  
direct to Marseilles and London; other  
cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via  
Bombay with transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until  
4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. The contents and  
value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note  
the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills  
of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to  
A. M. MARSHALL,  
Acting Superintendent,  
Hongkong, 14th May, 1890.

BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON.

The Steamship

"BRNARIG."

Captain Kroble, will be despatched as above on  
or about SATURDAY, the 9th June.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GIDE, LIVINGSTON & CO.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, 19th May, 1890.

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OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL  
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS  
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED  
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MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH  
AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA  
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS AND  
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING  
STEAMERS.  
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND  
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
COTTON (via Shanghai), TUESDAY, June 19,  
Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and  
Honolulu, at NOON.

GARIC (via Shanghai),  
Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama,  
and Honolulu, SATURDAY, July 14,  
at NOON.

DODIC (via Shanghai),  
Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama,  
and Honolulu, TUESDAY, Aug. 7,  
at NOON.

THE Company's Steamship "COTIC"  
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO  
VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE,  
INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, AND  
HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 19th June,  
1890, at NOON.

Steamers of this line pass through the IN-  
LAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONO-  
LULU, and Passengers are allowed to break  
their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-  
land, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic  
lines of steamers and to the principal cities of  
the United States or Canada. Rates may be  
obtained on application.

Passenger holding through ORDERS TO  
EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail  
route from San Francisco, including the  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC,  
UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE,  
and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the  
CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY; payment of  
£4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passenger holding orders for OVERLAND  
CITIES in the United States have between  
San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC,  
UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE,  
and other direct connecting Railways, and from  
Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had  
on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to  
Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military,  
Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European  
officials in service of China and Japan, and to  
Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-  
portation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports,  
to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities  
of the United States, via Overland Railway, to  
Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports  
in Mexico, Central and South America, by the  
Company and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M.  
the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages  
will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same  
day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to  
address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-  
tined to points beyond San Francisco in the  
United States should be sent to the Company's  
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the  
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to passage and  
Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company,  
Queen's Building.

## VESSELS ON THE BERTH

THE OSAKI SHOSEN KAISHA,  
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND  
TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"ANPING MARU."

Captain I. Sato, will be despatched for the  
above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 30th inst.,  
at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.

Agents.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1890.

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TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO VIA INLAND SEA  
OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

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## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The City of Rio de Janeiro, with the American Mail, left Yokohama on Friday, the 25th instant, at daylight, and may be expected here on about Friday, the 1st proximo.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR	PER	DAY AND HOUR.
Anony and Tsimshui	Hainan	Saturday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Newchwang	Emma Luiken	Saturday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Dromedary	Saturday, 26th, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Lightning	Saturday, 26th, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore	Osway	Saturday, 26th, 10.00 A.M.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Futaiji Maru	Saturday, 26th, 1.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Kunyu	Saturday, 26th,
Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin	Circulars	1.30 P.M.
(late Letters 4.00 to 5.00 Extra Postage 10 cents)	Registration	3.25 P.M.
(Supplementary Mail or Board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents)	Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 4.15 P.M.	
Kumchuk and Samdani	Papers	4.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Taiwanfo	Letters	4.30 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tsimshui	Saturday, 26th, 4.00 P.M.	
Samdani and Wuchow	Wuchow	Saturday, 26th, 5.00 P.M.
Manila, Iloilo and Cebu	Kaifong	
Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin	Letters	11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)
Samdani and Wuchow	Saturday, 26th, 4.00 P.M.	
SHANGHAI, NAGOZAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO	Letters	11.00 A.M.
(Supplementary Mail or Board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents)	Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)	
SHANGHAI, NAGOZAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER, B.C.	Letters	11.00 A.M.
Supplementary Mail or Board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents)	Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)	
Empress of China	Letters	11.00 A.M.

## COMMERCIAL.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

FRIDAY, 25th May.

## EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—	Telegraphic Transfer	111/2
Bank Bills, on demand	111/2	
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	111/2	
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	111/2	
Credits, at 4 months sight	111/2	
Documentary Bills, 4 months sight	111/2	

ON PARIS.—	Bank Bills, on demand	2.96
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2.97	

ON GERMANY.—	On demand	2.99
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ON NEW YORK.—	Bank Bills, on demand	47/4
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ON BOMBAY.—	Telegraphic Transfer	146/4
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ON SHANGHAI.—	Bank, on demand	146/4
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ON TOKIO.—	Bank, at sight	71/4
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ON YOKOHAMA.—	Bank, at sight	71/4
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ON MANILA.—	Bank, on demand	34 p.c. pm
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ON SINGAPORE.—	On demand	34 p.c. pm
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ON BATAVIA.—	On demand	117/4
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ON HAFPHONG.—	On demand	3 p.c. pm
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ON SAIGON.—	On demand	24 p.c. pm
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ON BANGKOK.—	On demand	60
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SOVEREIGN BANK'S BUYING RATE.	10.13
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GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	52.75
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BARS SILVER, per oz.	27%
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Quotations are... Allow cent to Iatty.

Malwa New	\$880	to per picul.
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Malwa Old	\$910	to \$920
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P. P. paper-wrapped	\$870	to —
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Persian fine quality	\$910	to —
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Persian extra fine	\$925	to —
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Patna New	\$935	to — per chest.
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Patna Old	\$1,030	
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Benares New	\$8,980	
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Benares Old	\$1,030	
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## PASSENGERS.

## ARRIVED.

Per Thales, from Sydney, 21st Chinese.

Per Teakwood, from W. K. Bull.

Per Nippes Maru, from San Francisco, &amp;c.

Mr. W. F. Aldrich, Mr. F. Grey, Mrs. M. J. Stratford, Messrs. M. Stearns, Prinsep, F. W. Perkins, O. Sennio, S. Togo, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Wild, Capt. and Mrs. Tomiko and child.

Per Coronado, from Shanghai, from Hongkong, Mr. C. H. Parker, Miss Wallace, Mr. J. Wright, Mr. J. Davis, from Bombay, Mr. M. W. Holtz and Mr. C. S. Abbot, from Singapore, Messrs. Wright, Fred, Mukha, and J. E. Hougham; for Shanghai, from London, Mr. C. Cheeseman, Miss G. M. Hill, Miss M. A. Smith, Miss H. J. McLean, T. W. Browne, James Doe, M. J. Kingston, P. McQuillan, J. Fitzwilliam, G. Moore, T. Roche, J. Toole and F. Langton, from Marsella, Mr. D. C. Dick; from Bombay, Mrs. Moses, two children and nurse; for Yokohama, from London, Miss Spittger.

## DEPARTED.

Per Japan, for London, from Hongkong, Mr. P. Wheeler, E. N. Lloyd, Edward Kelly, E. N. John W. Ham, R. N., Dr. Wales, Mr. and Mrs. Warre Smith, Hon. Mrs. H. da Senna Fernandes, Mrs. Karpawich, Mrs. Miss and Master Barnet, Mrs. Lumides and infant and maid of crew of H. M. S. "Wright" and "Teme"; from Shanghai, Mr. A. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. Kenay and family; from Yokohama, Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, Miss Thielson and Mr. E. Den.

## NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

Neither the CAPTAINS, the AGENTS, nor the OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBT contracted by the Officers or the Crews of the following Vessels during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

AMER COBORN, Amer. ship, Colored.

GRO. T. HAY, British ship, Spice—Siemens &amp; Co.

HUTTON, British steamer, Sandley—Order.

LYEMOON, German steamer, S. Heumann—Siemens &amp; Co.

THISTLE, British barque, A. A. Walden—Siemens &amp; Co.

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

## THE GERMAN MAIL.

The German Mail steamer *Haedding* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on Monday, the 21st instant and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 22nd inst.The German Mail steamer *Oldenburg*, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 30th ultimo, left Singapore on Friday, the 25th instant, at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 30th instant.

## THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & P. steamer *Captain*, with Mails, &c., left San Francisco, this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, India, S. E. Asia, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 11th ultima.The P. M. steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to this port on the 23rd inst., via Honolulu, left Yokohama for this port this morning, via Iwakuni, Tokio, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

## THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. steamer *Empress of China* arrived at Kobe at 6 p.m. Wednesday, the 26th instant, and left again at midnight for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive